

House Resolution 807

By: Representative Ealum of the 153<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Richard Cummings Crowdis on the occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Richard Cummings Crowdis has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service as County Administrator for Dougherty County,  
9 Georgia, since October, 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, since 1975, when he served as an administrative intern to the executive officer  
11 of Floyd County, until 2017, Richard has devoted his career to gaining citizen support for  
12 local government initiatives to create a higher standard of living; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard has ably served as County Administrator where his duties included  
14 being accountable to the seven elected members of the county commission and overseeing  
15 700 full-time employees, 90 part-time employees, and three major operating budgets; and

16 WHEREAS, he has earned a glowing reputation of renown for his work in local government  
17 and has been featured in a textbook, *The Georgia Studies Book, Our State and Nation*, as  
18 well as presenting at University of Georgia classes; and

19 WHEREAS, one of the most significant projects during his tenure was the landfill  
20 gas-to-energy project with the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) in Albany, which  
21 partnered Dougherty County and the U.S. Department of Navy to sell landfill gas to MCLB,  
22 making this new technology the first and only landfill gas-to-energy project in the U.S. Navy

23 and Marine Corps and assuring the economic sustainability of this critical military  
24 installation in Southwest Georgia and its 4,000 civilian jobs; and

25 WHEREAS, Richard Crowdis has served with honor and distinction as County  
26 Administrator, and his vision and unyielding commitment to Dougherty County, Georgia,  
27 will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Richard Cummings Crowdis for his  
32 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to Dougherty County and the State  
33 of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most  
34 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
37 Richard Cummings Crowdis.